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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM KING HUSSEIN

1. ROYAL COURT CHIEF SHARAF PRESENTED CHARGE AUGUST 28 THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM KING HUSSEIN.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF
AUGUST 15, 1978 IN WHICH YOU KINDLY ACQUAINTED ME WITH
YOUR VIEWS AND THOUGHTS REGARDING THE FUTURE MEETING AT
CAMP DAVID. YOUR INITIATIVE IN ARRANGING THIS MEETING
REFLECTED YOUR PERSONAL COURAGE AND PROFOUND SENSE OF
COMMITMENT TO PEACE IN OUR REGION AND IN THE WORLD. I AM
PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL AND SATISFIED AT YOUR ASSURANCE THAT
YOUR EFFORTS AT CAMP DAVID WILL BE GUIDED BY YOUR VIEWS ON
A JUST AND LASTING PEACE WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF OUR
TALKS AND CONTACTS SINCE THE BEGINNING.

- ALLOW ME, IN RETURN, TO PUT BEFORE YOU OUR VIEWS OF
THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THE PROSPECTS OF FUTURE PROGRESS.

- BEFORE PRESIDENT SADAT'S UNPRECEDENTED INITIATIVE,
JORDAN WAS SEEKING TO BUILD A CONSENSUS AMONG THE ARAB
STATES DIRESOOEJINIAN (#)
PEOPLE. THESE EFFORTS I WAS CONDUCTING WHILE IN CLOSE CON-
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SULTATION WITH YOU AND WITHIN OUR AGREED FRAMEWORK. THE
IDEA WOULD HAVE ASSISTED IN OVERCOMING THE SERIOUS PRO-
CEDURAL OBSTACLES, THE PROBLEM OF COORDINATION AMONG THE
ARAB PARTIES AND THE ISSUE OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IN
THE PEACE TALKS. PRESIDENT SADAT'S SUPRISING AND UN-
PRECEDENTED INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH BRAVE, LED TO A DEEP
ERUPTION WITHIN THE ARAB WORLD UPSETTING THE ATMOSPHERE OF

COOPERATION NECESSARY FOR ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. ISRAEL'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS ALL THE ESSENTIAL SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS IN A FUTURE SETTLEMENT, DEMONSTRATED IN THE TALKS FOLLOWING PRESIDENT SADAT'S TRIP TO JERUSALEM, CAUSED A SERIOUS SETBACK IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND THE ATMOSPHERE IN GENERAL. IT HAS INCREASED THE BELIEF IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS OPPOSED TO A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY FORCE IN JUNE, 1967 UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IT DOES NOT INTEND TO ALLOW ANY REASONABLE SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION BASED ON RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, RECOGNIZED IN MANY UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, OR THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE UNDER CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM IN SOLVING THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND IN EXERCISING THEIR LEGITIMATE HUMAN RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION. MORE THAN AT ANYTIME PREVIOUSLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I AM NOW SADLY PERSUADED OF THIS. THE REVELATIONS RESULTING FROM PRESIDENT SADAT'S INITIATIVE HAVE BROUGHT US IN THE ARAB WORLD TO THIS UNAVOIDABLE CONCLUSION. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT WE IN JORDAN ARE ANY LESS CONVINCED OF THE NECESSITY AND URGENCY OF ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND MORE PRECISELY A LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA. BUT WE HAVE NOW A MORE REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THE PROSPECTS OF SUCH A SETTLEMENT. FOR US IN JORDAN, THE SITUATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN PARTICULARLY UNIQUE AND DELICATE IN VIEW OF OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION. THE
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ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ADDED TO THE OBSTACLES BY DENYING ANY JORDANIAN RIGHT IN THE WEST BANK AND REFUSING TO ADMIT THAT IT IS OCCUPIED JORDANIAN TERRITORY. IT IS MORE NECESSARY FOR US NOW TO HAVE A CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS INDICATION THAT AS A RESULT OF THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION ISRAEL WOULD END ITS OCCUPATION OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AND THE OTHER TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN JUNE, 1967 AND ALLOW A PROCESS OF SELF-DETERMINATION LEADING TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM ALONG LINES OUTLINED AND WITH RECIPROCAL GUARANTEES FOR FUTURE MUTUAL SECURITY TO ARABS AND ISRAELIS ALIKE. I AM CONVINCED THAT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD BE WITHIN OUR ABILITY NOT ONLY TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AND POSTIVELY IN CONSTRUCTING PEACE ON A SOLID AND LASTING BASIS BUT ALSO TO INFLUENCE OUR ARAB BRETHREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PEACE PROCESS ON THE BASIS OF THE FORMULA YOU SUGGESTED EARLIER FOR GENEVA OR A SIMILAR COLLECTIVE FRAMEWORK.

- I DO HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOUR BRAVE INITIATIVE IN ARRANGING THE FORTHCOMING TALKS IN CAMP DAVID WOULD RESULT IN THE NECESSARY BREAKTHROUGH. I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS. PERMIT ME,

HOWEVER, TO POINT OUT THAT IT IS FEARED HERE IN JORDAN THAT THE INABILITY TO ACHIEVE SUCH GENUINE PROGRESS IN THE TALKS, AS A RESULT OF ISRAEL'S PROVEN INTRANSIGENCE, MIGHT PROMPT THE PARTICIPANTS TO ISSUE A VAGUE AND UNCOMMITTING DOCUMENT OF PRINCIPLES AIMED AT DE-EMPHASIZING THE DIFFERENCES AND INVITING OTHER PARTICIPANTS. IT WOULD BE UNHELPFUL TO MOVE ALONG SUCH A COURSE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, EXPOSE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS SUCH AS JORDAN TO UNJUSTIFIED INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL CONFLICTING PRESSURES. IT WOULD BE UNFAIR AND

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UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT JORDAN AND OTHER ARAB PARTIES TO SHIFT THEIR STANDS ON PRINCIPLES ON SUCH GROUNDS IN THE ABSENCE OF GENUINE INDICATIONS OF AN ISRAELI POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON THE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS.

- I WISH TO ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT JORDAN REMAINS READY AND WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PEACE EFFORTS THAT HAVE A CREDIBLE CHANCE OF PROGRESS AND A PRODUCTIVE CONCLUSION. WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE IDEAL OF PEACE IN OUR REGION AND THE HOPE OF A JUST SETTLEMENT. AFTER THE TALKS IN CAMP DAVID I HOPE THAT WE WOULD REOPEN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS REGARDING THE SITUATION. I SHALL CONDUCT CONSULTATIONS WITH MY ARAB PARTNERS IN THIS SPIRIT AND FOR THE REACTIVATION OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF COLLECTIVE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND POSITIVE ACTION. I HAVE ALREADY CONVEYED MY COUNTRY'S VIEWS TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND I AM SURE THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AND APPRECIATES THEM.

- I WISH TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE AND FRIENDSHIP. I HOPE I CAN RECIPROCATE AND THAT MY COUNTRY

WOULD REMAIN THE STRONG FRIEND AND PARTNER TO YOUR GREAT
COUNTRY AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND A FACTOR FOR STABILITY
AND A FORCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE IDENTITY OF THE
AREA AND FOR HONORABLE PEACE HERE AND IN THE WORLD.

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- WITH MY BEST WISHES AND DEEP RESPECT. YOUR SINCERE
FRIEND, HUSSEIN I. END QUOTE.

3. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT(S/S).

4. REPORT OF SHARAF'S BACKGROUND COMMENTS ON LETTER BEING
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